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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Takayuki SUGAHARA

Serial No. 09/469,499

: Group Art Unit: 2613

filed: 22 December 1999

: Prior Examiner: LEE, Y YOUNG

For: **REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING USER MODIFIABLE PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION (as amended)**Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above identified application.

[] No additional fee is required.
 [] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 [] Also attached: 1) Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8; 2) Form 2038; 3) Submission (Amendment).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	2	25	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	5	0	x \$ 88 =	\$ 0.00
If multiple claims newly presented, add \$260.00					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					
Fee for RCE (37 CFR 1.17e)					\$790.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$790.00

[] Form 2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$790.00 is attached
 [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1088, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,
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